

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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Election to Panchayats
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Panchayats/local bodies for which election have not been conducted/could not be conducted in various States in the country during the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Tenth Finance Commission had recommended that funds be provided to elected Panchayats/local bodies only and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated/released to the Panchayats/local bodies during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

- (a) Elections to Panchayats as due have not been held in the Union Territory of Puducherry after expiry of their last term in July, 2011. UT of Puducherry has reported that elections to Panchayats could not be held because of various administrative reasons.
- (b) The Tenth Finance Commission in their award for the period 1995-2000 had not tied disbursal of grants to local bodies with the elections in Panchayats.
However, Fourteenth Finance Commission in their recommendations for the award period 2015-20 have recommended devolution of grants to the tune of Rs. 2,00,292.20 crore to the duly constituted Gram Panchayats.
- (c) The detailed State-wise allocation and release of grants for PRIs for the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 under the Thirteenth Finance Commission award is given in Annexure-I to Annexure-IV. State-wise allocation and release of grants for PRIs for the financial year 2015-16 under the Fourteenth Finance Commission is given in Annexure-V.
